

## United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240

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Via email: 78578-44373900@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 78578 411A Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Tobias:

On August 5, 2019, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking:

Any and all communications sent or received by Molly Block on any self-deleting or encrypted cellphone applications, including Signal, Confide, Telegram or WhatsApp. This request also seeks a screenshot of all applications on Ms. Block's phone. This request only seeks records sent or received by Ms. Block in his capacity as a government official.

This request seeks records since June 1, 2019.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on August 16, 2019, and assigned control number **OS-2019-01191**. We are writing today to respond to your request on behalf of the Office of the Secretary. Please find attached one file, consisting of 5 pages, which are being released to you in its entirety.

There is no fee for the processing of this request. This completes the Office of the Secretary's response to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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Office of Government Information Services 8601 Adelphi Road- OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001

E-mail: ogis@nara.gov

Web: <a href="https://ogis.archives.gov">https://ogis.archives.gov</a> Telephone: 202-741-5770

Fax: 202-741-5769

Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at os\_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka, at the phone and address above.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer

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